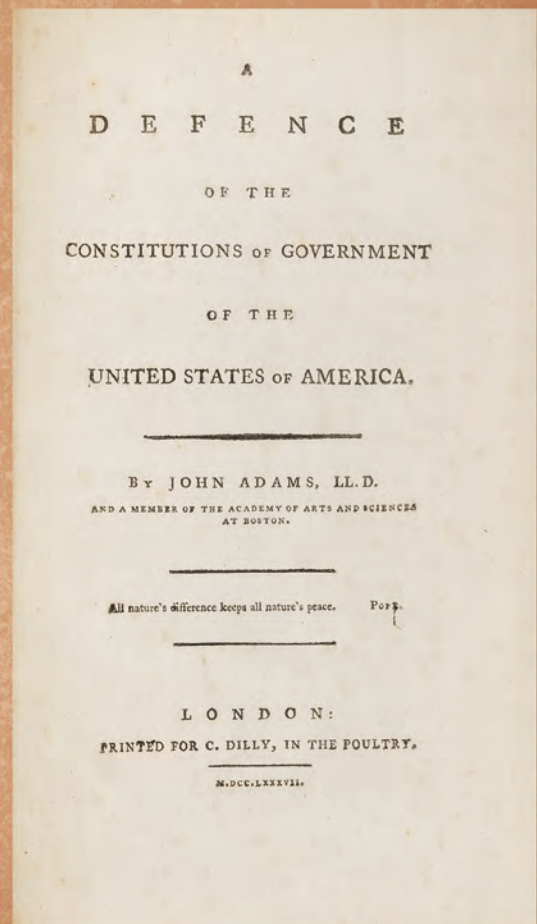


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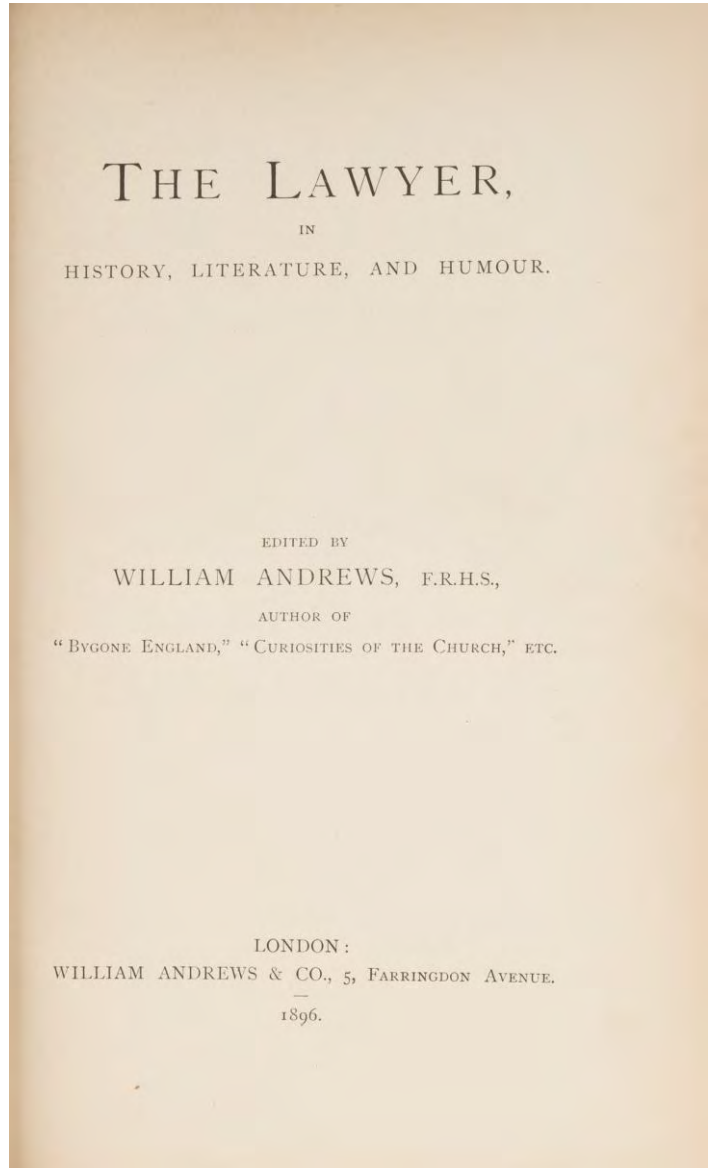
**1. Adams, John [1735-1826].**

*A Defence of the Constitutions of Government of the United States of America*. London: Printed for C. Dilly and J. Stockdale, 1787-1788. Three volumes. [ii], xxxi, [1], 3-392; [iv], 451; [ii], 528, [36] pp. Volume II has half-title. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

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\* Only edition. Contents include "Law Amongst the Primitive Races," "Ivo, Saint and Lawyer," "The Law in Scott," "The Law in Rhyme," "Curious Circuit Customs," "Lawyers and Eloquence" and "Law and Laughter." Rossington was editor of the Commonwealth and Leavenworth Commercial newspapers. He also served in the State Legislature and operated a law firm with Charles Blood Smith. Rossington and Smith co-founded the Topeka Club, a social group consisting primarily of prominent Topekans. [Order This Item](#)



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**3. Arnot, Hugo [1749-1786].**

*A Collection and Abridgement of Celebrated Criminal Trials In Scotland, From A.D. 1536, to 1784. With Historical and Critical Remarks.* Edinburgh: Printed for the Author; by William Smellie, 1785. xxiii, [1], 400 pp. Additional leaf of "Subscribers Omitted" inserted between pp. xiv and xv. Quarto (10-1/2" x 8-1/4").

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\* First edition. According to Walker, Arnot's work contains the only accounts of many trials otherwise unknown. Contents include chapters on treason, murder, piracy, forgery, incest, adultery, blasphemy, witchcraft and crimes against religion and the state among others. With a twelve-page list of over 800 subscribers that includes the Prince of Wales, Adam Smith, Thomas Erskine, Lord Chancellor Thurlow and many other luminaries. Robert Maxtone Graham was a notable Scottish book collector. Walker, *The Oxford Companion to Law* 79. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T142881.

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##### 4. Bankton, Andrew MacDowall, Lord [1685-1760].

*An Institute of the Laws of Scotland in Civil Rights: With Observations Upon the Agreement or Diversity Between Them and the Laws of England. In Four Books. After the General Method of the Viscount of Stair's Institutions.* Edinburgh: Printed by R. Fleming, for A. Kincaid and A. Donaldson, 1751-1753. Three volumes. xii, [ii], 696; [viii], 681; [iv], 190 pp. Folio (12-1/2" x 8").

Contemporary calf, raised bands, gilt ornaments and lettering pieces to spine, speckled edges, blind tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and minor scuffs to boards, somewhat heavier rubbing to extremities, light wear to corners, small chip to spine head of Volume I, front joint of Volume II and most hinges starting. Light toning to interiors, light soiling to margins in a few places in each volume, clean tear to fore-edge of leaf Eeeee 2 (pp. 387-388) of Volume I. A handsome set. \$2,500.

\* Only edition. With side-notes and comprehensive indexes. The 1707 Act of Union compelled Scottish and English jurists to comprehend each other's legal systems. As Bankton put it, "now, since the union of the two kingdoms, there is such an intercourse between subjects of South and North Britain, that it must be of great moment that the laws of both be generally understood, and their agreement or diversity attended to; so that people, in their mutual correspondence, may regulate themselves accordingly" (Preface). As one would expect of an eighteenth-century Scottish jurist, the arrangement of the *Institute* is strongly influenced by the *Institutes* of Justinian. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T90336. [Order This Item](#)



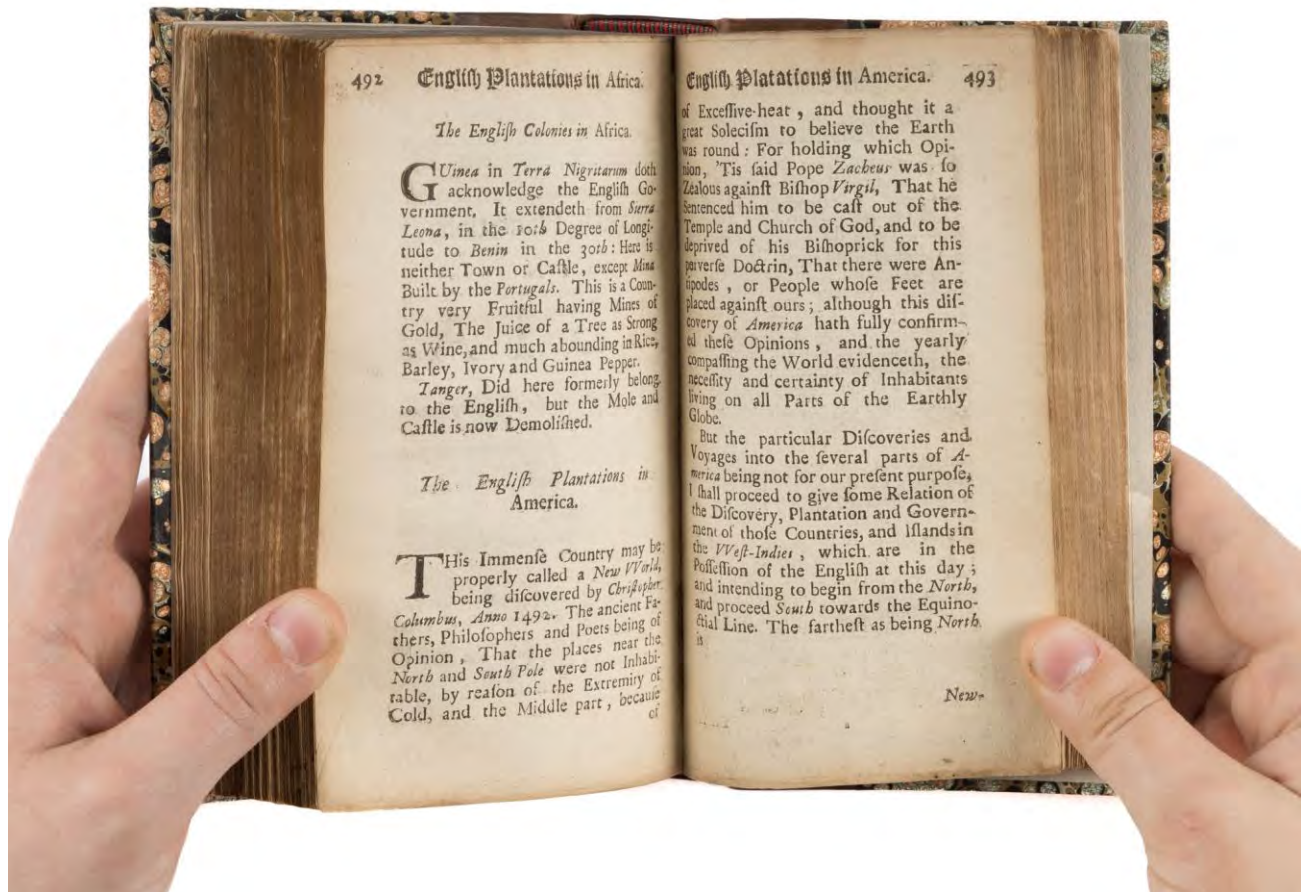
### The Holy Roman Empire and the Church

#### 5. Cortrejus, Adam [1637-1706].

*Repraesentatio Juris Primariarum Precum Sacratissimis Imperatoribus Romano-Germanicis Sine Praevio Pontificum Assensu Competentis. Ad Reverendissimum atque Celsissimum Archiepiscopum Rhodiensem Internuncium Papalem in Germania Coloniensem Preces Primarias Imperatoris Nostri Sacratissimi Sine Papali Suffragio Impertitas Nequicquam Suggillantem.* Magdeburg: Cassitero Joh. Danielis Mülleri, 1706. 70 pp. Quarto (7-1/2" x 6-1/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, speckled edges. Moderate toning, small faint dampstain to top-edge, light soiling and some browning to exterior, a few signatures loose. \$350.

\* Only edition. A commentary on the relationship between the Holy Roman Emperors and the Church from a seventeenth-century German scholar. Cortrejus is perhaps best known for *Corporis Juris Publici Sacri Romani Imperii Germanici* (1707), a comparative study of the canon and Holy Roman law. OCLC locates 3 copies, none in North America. *Das Verzeichnis Deutscher Drucke des 18. Jahrhunderts* 10237313. [Order This Item](#)



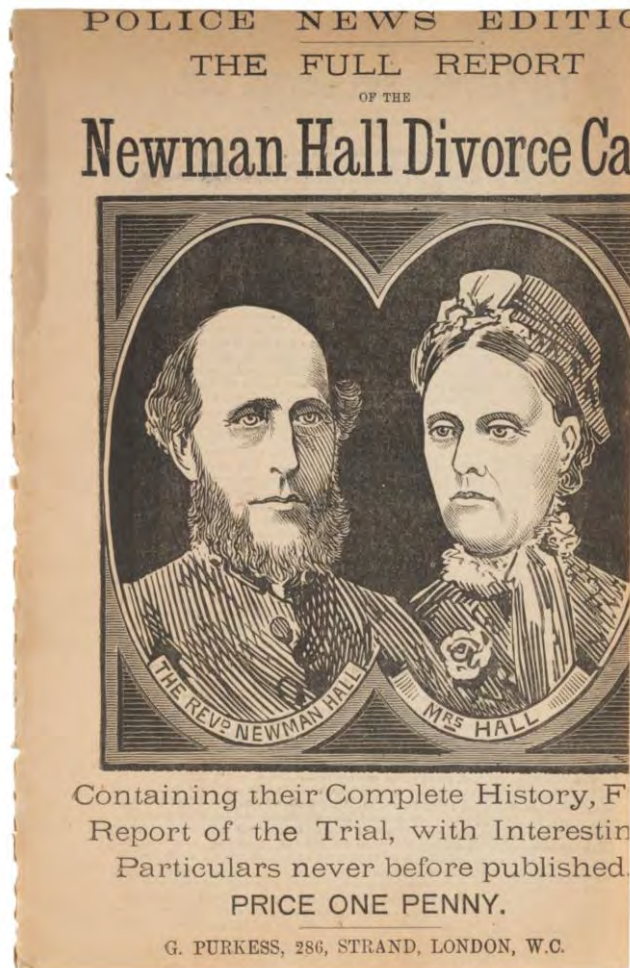
**With Interesting Content About England's Colonies**

**6. Curson, H[enry].**

*A Compendium of the Laws and Government Ecclesiastical, Civil and Military, Of Great Britain and Ireland, And Dominions, Plantations and Territories Thereunto Belonging. With the Maritime Power Thereof, And Jurisdiction of Courts Therein. Methodically Digested Under Their Proper Heads.* London: Printed for John Walthoe Junr., 1716. [xiv], 441, [1], 441, 447-460, 463-488, 491-532, 535-642, [14] pp. Text continuous despite irregular pagination. Lacking publisher advertisement that precedes title page and divisional title page after p. 441, text complete. 12mo. (6-1/4" x 3-3/4").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to interior, early annotations to margins in a few places, recent repair to head of title page, which is lightly soiled and marked with a small library stamp, library stamps to a few other leaves of text. \$1,500.

\* Second and final edition. First published in 1699, this work is perhaps most notable for its appendices dealing with the laws and governments of Scotland, Ireland and colonies in Asia, Africa and America. The second is a rare edition. OCLC locates no copies. The *English Short-Title Catalogue* locates 4 (Folger Shakespeare Library, Harvard Law School, Library of Congress, US Supreme Court). *English Short-Title Catalogue* N15360. [Order This Item](#)



**A Rare Account of a Raucous Divorce Case**

7. [Divorce].

[Great Britain].

Newman Hall, Christopher [1816-1902].

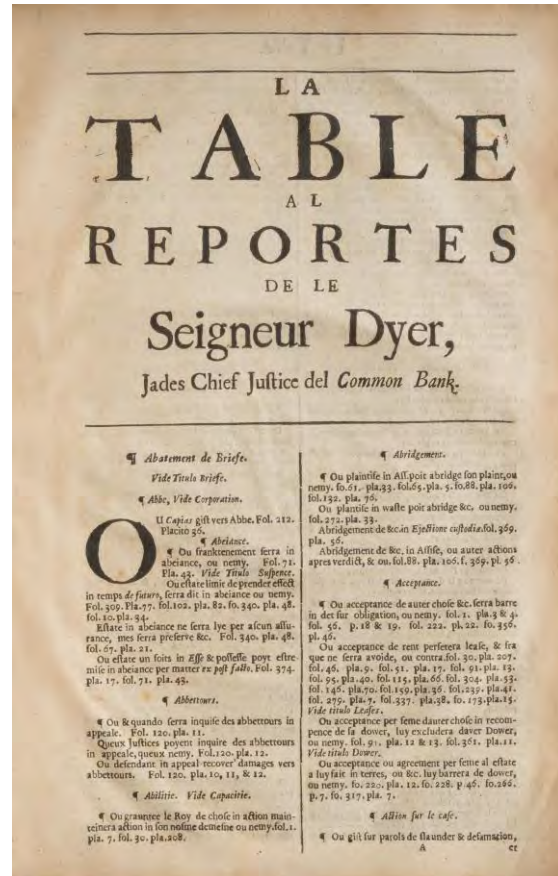
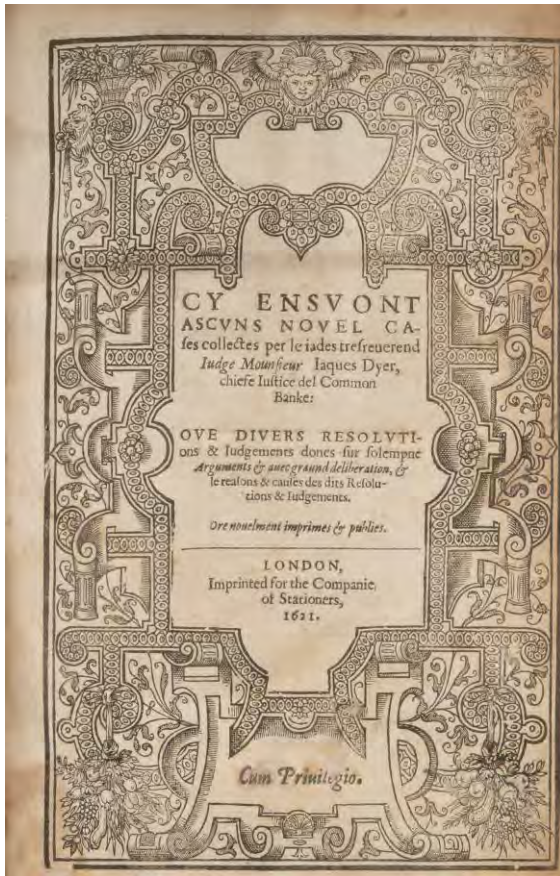
Hall, Charlotte.

*The Full Report of the Newman Hall Divorce Case* [Drop-Head Title]. At head of drop-head title: *Police News Edition*. London: [S.n.], c.1880. 16 pp. Title page has large woodcut portraits of the Halls. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet, thread lacking. Moderate toning, light edgewear and chipping to spine, light foxing to final few leaves, title page affected by trimming to top and fore-edges without loss to legibility. \$850.

\* Only edition. In 1880, Newman Hall, a minister who had gained fame in Britain and the US with his tract *Come to Jesus* (1848), accused his wife of adultery with a friend of the couple. She denied the accusations and accused him of infidelity in turn. The couple was not particularly compatible; Charlotte was a free spirit who loved to hunt and smoke, habits her husband despised on moral grounds. Newman Hall's high profile and the humor of much of the testimony made the trial a raucous affair, with frequent bursts of laughter from witnesses to the despair of the judge. Newman Hall ultimately succeeded in obtaining a decree nisi and remarried later that year. Our title, one of the many penny tracts that circulated among the literate poor, has slipped through the cracks of history and bibliography. Not located at Harvard or the British Library. No physical copies listed on OCLC. [Order This Item](#)





An Authority Second Only to the Year Books

8. Dyer, Sir James [1512-1582].

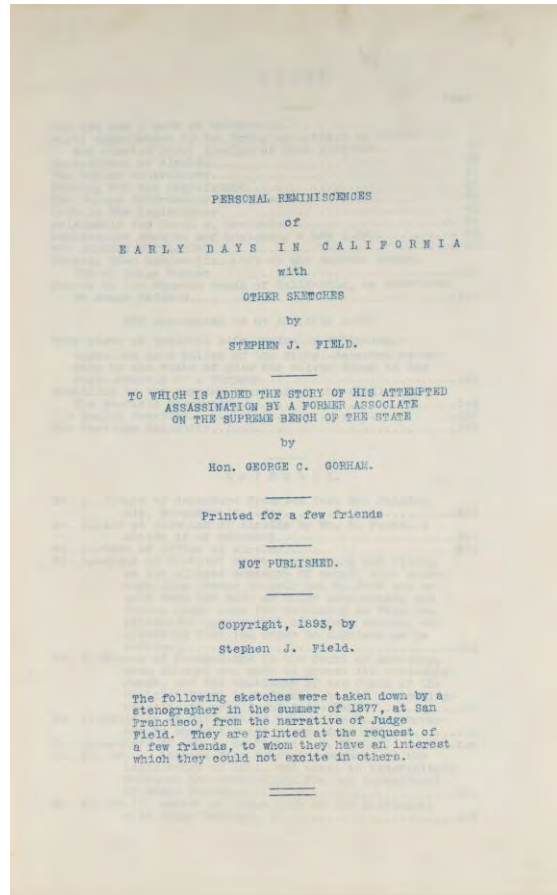
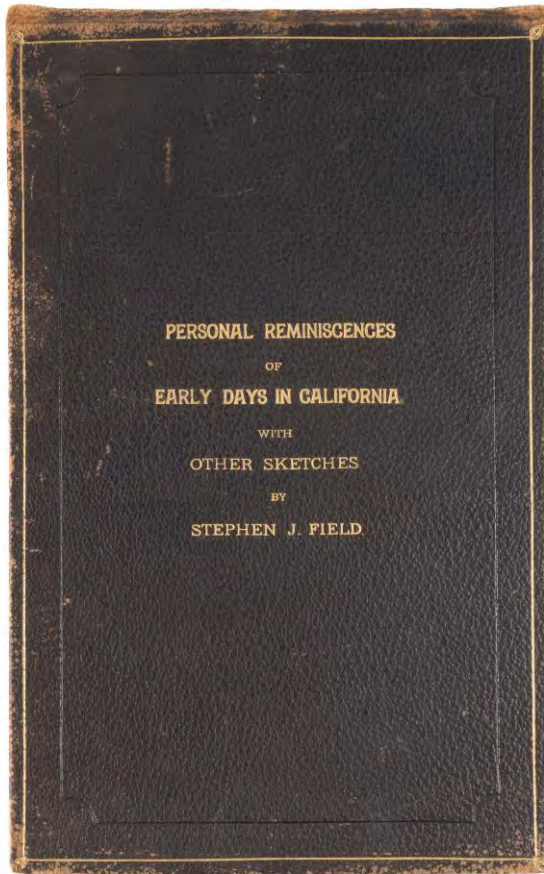
*Cy Ensuoent Ascuns Novel Cases, Collectes per le Iades Tresreverend Iudge, Mounseur Iaques Dyer, Chiefe Iustice del Common Banke, One Divers Resolutions & Iudgements Dones sur Solempne Arguments & Avec Graund Deliberation, & Le Reasons & Causes des Dits Resolutions & Iudgements. Ore Novelment Imprimes & Publies.* London: Imprinted for the Companie of Stationers, 1621. [iv], 62, 65-377, [1] ff. Pagination irregular, text complete.

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*La Table al Reportes de le Seigneur Dyer, Jades Chief Justice del Common Bank.* [London: Printed by John Streater, Eliz. Flesher, and Henry Twyford, 1672]. [32] ff.

Folio (10-1/2" x 7"). Contemporary calf, rebacked in period style, blind rules to boards, existing endpapers retained. Some rubbing and scuffing to boards and extremities, tiny stain to foot of rear board, corners bumped, hinges cracked, front free endpaper partially detached. Title printed within woodcut architectural border. Moderate toning to interior, occasional faint dampstaining to foot of text block, crack in text block between final leaf of *Cases* and first leaf of *Table*. occasional light browning and dampspotting to margins. \$500.

\* Later edition. First published in 1585, Dyer's *Ascuns Novel Cases*, generally known as Dyer's *Reports*, contain cases heard in the Courts of Common Pleas, King's Bench, Exchequer and Chancery from 1513 to 1582. One of the first publications of its kind, it was also the first to be referred to regularly as "Reports." A work of great authority (second only to that of the Year Books), it went through six editions in Law-French, the last one in 1688. Our copy includes a table of cases that was extracted from a copy of the 1672 edition, the edition that followed the 1621 edition. Both have the same collation. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S4209, (*Table*) R43134. [Order This Item](#)



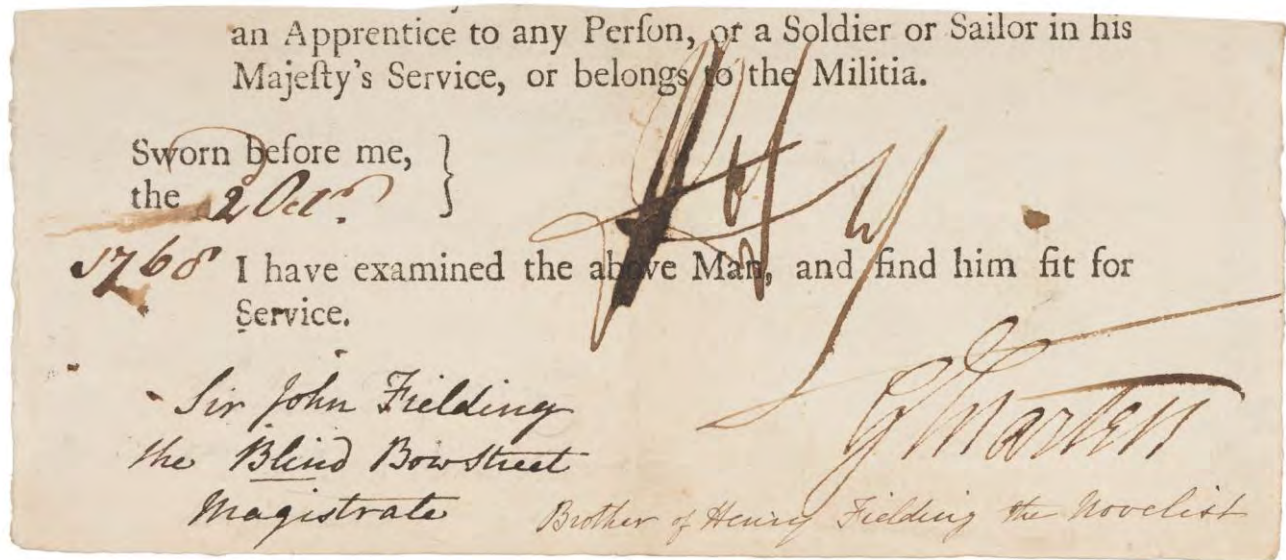
**Privately Issued Pre-Publication Typescript  
Copy of Stephen Field's *Personal Reminiscences***

**9. Field, Stephen J. [1816-1899].**

*Personal Reminiscences of Early Days in California, With Other Sketches. To Which is Added the Story of His Attempted Assassination by a Former Associate on the Supreme Bench of the State. By Hon. George C. Gorman.* [Washington, D.C.]: Printed for a Few Friends. Not Published, 1893. [iii], 193 pp. Oblong octavo (7-3/4" x 13").

Contemporary pebbled calf, blind frames enclosed by gilt rules to boards, gilt title to center of front board, patterned endpapers. A few minor nicks to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities. Typescript text, running parallel to spine, on carbon paper to versos of leaves, interior notably fresh. \$3,500.

\* Privately issued pre-publication version of the second edition, which was printed later in 1893. An important figure in California history, Field was alcalde of the Gold Rush town of Marysville from 1849 to 1850, a member of the State Assembly from 1852-1852, an associate justice of the California Supreme Court from 1857 to 1859 and the chief justice of that court from 1859 to 1863. He became an associate justice of the United States Supreme Court in 1863 and remained on the bench until 1897. Dictated in his later years "for a few friends," his *Reminiscences* provide vivid sketches of California during the boisterous early years of settlement. The second section, by his associate George C. Gorman, recounts an attempt on his life in 1889 by David S. Terry, a former California chief justice. This part does not appear in the first edition, which was published in 1880. As noted by the *Dictionary of American Biography*, this "book evinces devotion to the fact and energy of purpose, as well as some appreciation of humorous situations." *Dictionary of American Biography* III:373. Not in Howes, Cowan, Graff or Eberstadt. [Order This Item](#)



Signature of "The Blind Beak of Bow Street"

10. Fielding, Sir John [1721-1780].

[Autograph Signature, London, October 2, 1760].

3" x 6-1/2" sheet cut from a printed certificate of fitness for service. Light toning, light soiling and adhesive residue from mounting to verso, additional signature of "G. Martell" ("Marten?") and notes identifying Fielding to recto. \$450.

\* Fielding, a London magistrate and reformer, is most notable for his extensive career as the head of the Bow Street Runners, the city's first professional police force. He was blinded in an accident at the age of 19, which contributed to his notoriety; he could, by some accounts, recognize thousands of criminals by the sound of their voice alone, giving him the nickname "The Blind Beak of Bow Street." He was also interested in social reform and helped found the Asylum for Orphan Girls in Lambeth in 1758. Likely because of his blindness, Fielding's signature is rarely found or identified.

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### The Notorious Halifax Gibbet

#### 11. [Great Britain].

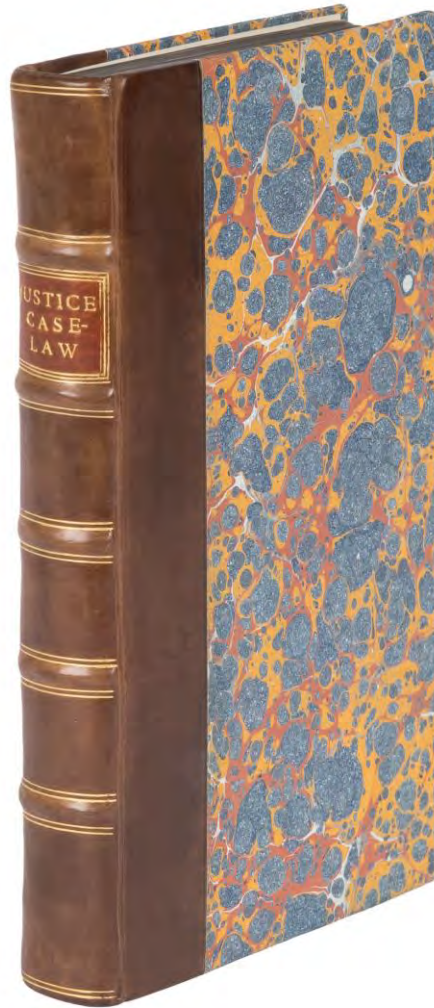
Bentley, William.

[Midgley, Samuel (d.1695)].

*Hallifax, And its Gibbet-Law Placed in a True Light. Together with a Description of the Town; The Nature of the Soil; The Temper and Disposition of the People; The Antiquity of its Customary Law, And the Reasonableness Thereof: With an Account of the Gentry, And Other Eminent Persons Born and Inhabiting Within the Said Town, And the Liberties Thereof: With Many Other Matters and Things of Great Remark, Never Before Publish'd. To which are Added, The Unparallel'd Tragedies Committed by Sir John Eland, Of Eland, And His Grand Antagonists.* London: Printed by J. How, For William Bentley, At Halifax, In Yorkshire, 1708. [vi], 174 pp. With woodcut illustration of the Halifax gibbet opposite title page. 12mo (5-3/4" x 3-1/4").

Contemporary sheep, gilt paneling to boards, rebaced in period-style vellum, raised bands and blind fillets to spine, gilt tooling to board edges, marbled endpapers, blind tooling to inside edges. Light rubbing with some scuffing and wear to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, including corners, which are bumped and worn, front hinge cracked. Moderate toning to interior, occasional faint dampspotting, faint dampstain to bottom half of text block in a few places, slight loss to corners in a few places with no loss to text, ownership signature (of "N. Hunton") dated 1712 to front endleaf, early(?) annotations to illustration leaf and p. 67. \$500.

\* First edition. The Halifax gibbet was an early guillotine used to execute petty criminals until the mid-seventeenth century, long after use of the devices had been abandoned elsewhere. The law allowing the executions was an echo of feudal privileges given to the Lord of the Manor of Wakefield allowing him to execute anyone for the theft of goods of a certain value. The practice of Halifax's gibbet law was ultimately ended by Cromwell in 1650, but its legacy loomed large in the town. Midgley wrote our account while in prison for debt, either from his own imagination or an existing manuscript, but could not afford to have it published. Bentley, the parish clerk, discovered the manuscript and published it under his own name with some additions (likely the story of Eland, which seems unrelated to the gibbet). It was reissued in 1761 by his grandson, though another variation with a different title was published by Bentley in 1761. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T33072. [Order This Item](#)



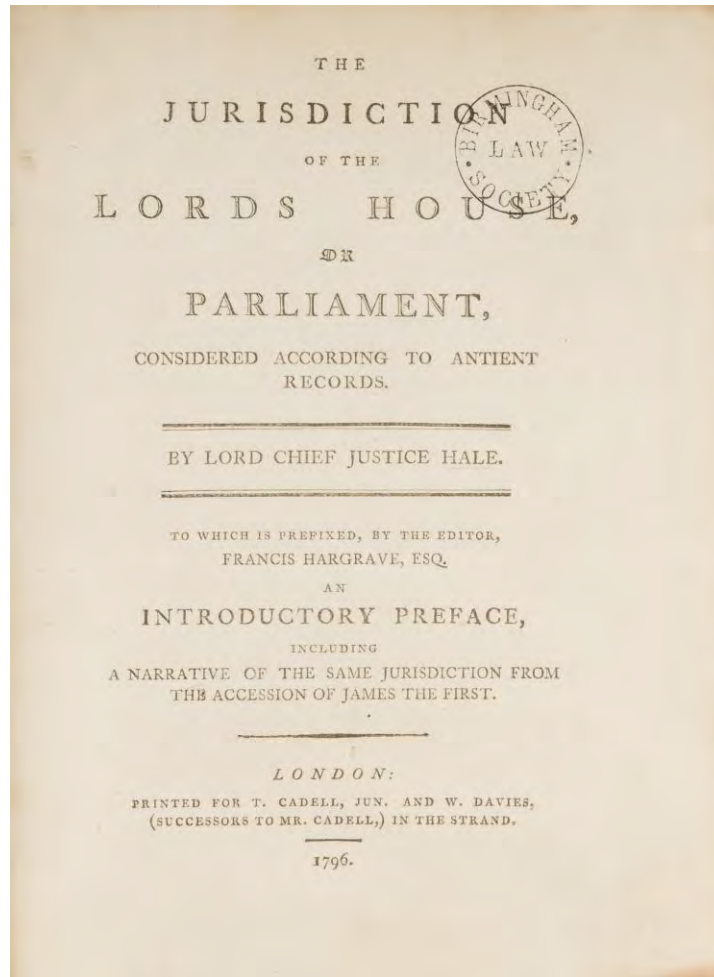
**A Handy Digest of Cases of  
Criminal Law with References for Justices**

**12. [Great Britain].  
[Justices of the Peace].**

*The Justice's Case Law: Being a Concise Abridgment of All the Cases of Crown Law, Relating to Justices of Peace, And Their Business and Proceedings, With References to the Books of Reports, And Other Law Treatises on the Subject. Digested In a New Alphabetical Method, And Very Necessary to be Perused by All Justices, As an Immediate Direction to Them How to Proceed in Their Offices. And Likewise Of Use to Barristers at Law, Clerks of the Peace, Coroners, &c.* London: Printed by E. And R. Nutt, And R. Gosling, 1731. [iv], 302, [14] pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Light toning to interior, light foxing and soiling in a few places, fold lines to a few corners. Ex-library with stamps to title page and a few other leaves, legibility not affected. \$450.

\* Only edition. This book is organized alphabetically by topic and has a detailed index. Each heading contains a list of general statements, each supported by a list of citations from case reports, legislative acts and treatises. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T145554. [Order This Item](#)



"The Most Important of [Hale's] Books on the Constitutional Law"

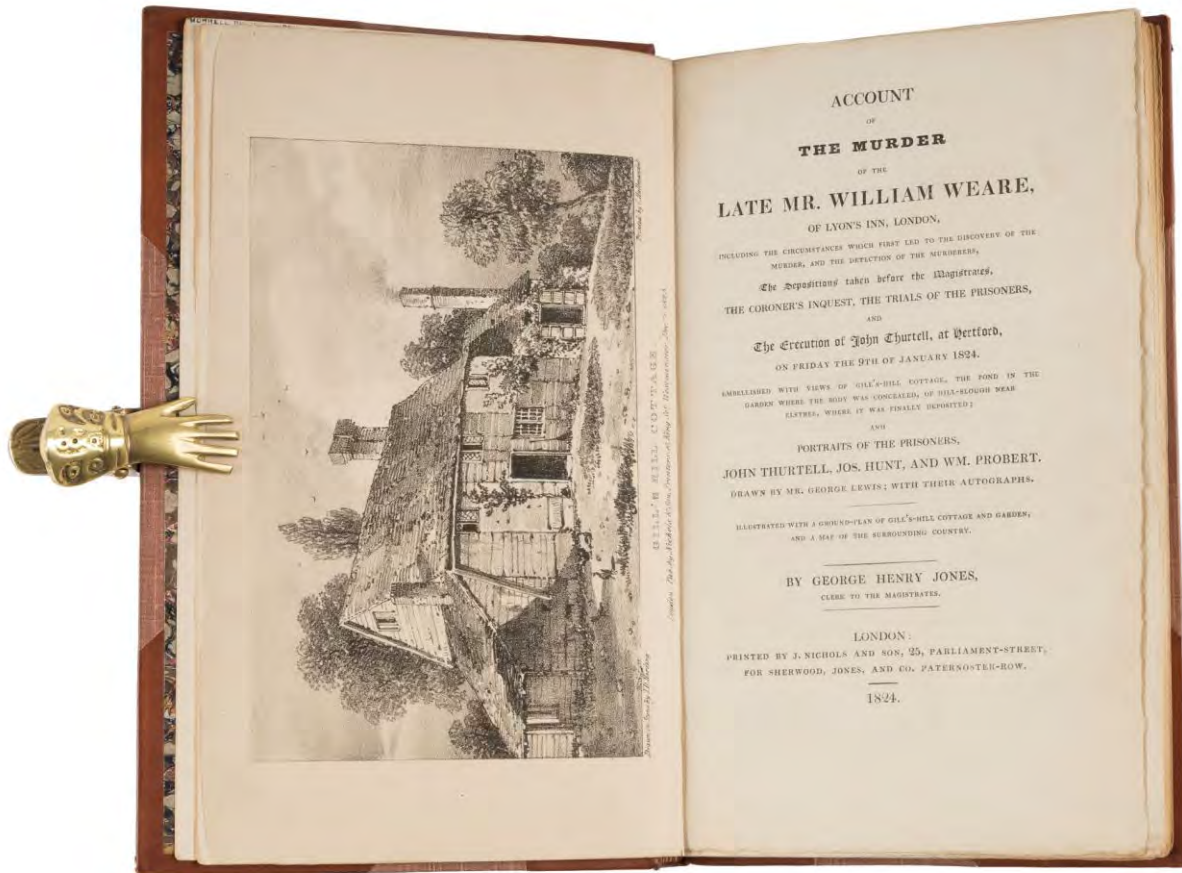
**13. Hale, Sir Matthew [1609-1676].**

**Hargrave, Francis [1741?-1821], Editor.**

*The Jurisdiction of the Lords House, Or Parliament, Considered According to Antient Records. To Which is Prefixed, By the Editor, An Introductory Preface, Including a Narrative of the Same Jurisdiction from the Accession of James the First.* London: Printed for T. Cadell & W. Davies, 1796. [xiii], ccxxx, 208 pp. Quarto (9-1/4" x 7-1/4").

Later morocco, blind rules to boards, raised bands and gilt title to spine, marbled endpapers, cloth-reinforced hinges. Light rubbing to extremities with minor wear to joints and corners, library bookplate and small location label to front pastedown. Moderate toning to interior, crack in text block between leaves Dd1 and Dd2 (pp. 202-203). light foxing and soiling in a few places, small library stamp to title page and a few other leaves. A handsome copy. \$850.

\* First and only edition. Based on a work first published in 1707, "[this is] the most important of [Hale's] books on the constitutional law published by Hargrave with an elaborate preface in 1796. This topic comprised some of the most controverted political questions of the day; and Hale had written much upon it in the early days of the Long Parliament, the Commonwealth and after the Restoration. This essay...represents his final judgment on the matter; and he himself tells us that the MS was complete and only needed his final revision. (...) The whole book is a striking testimony to Hale's mastery of records, to his impartiality and to his statesmanlike qualities.": Holdsworth, *Some Makers of English Law* 140. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T110601. [Order This Item](#)



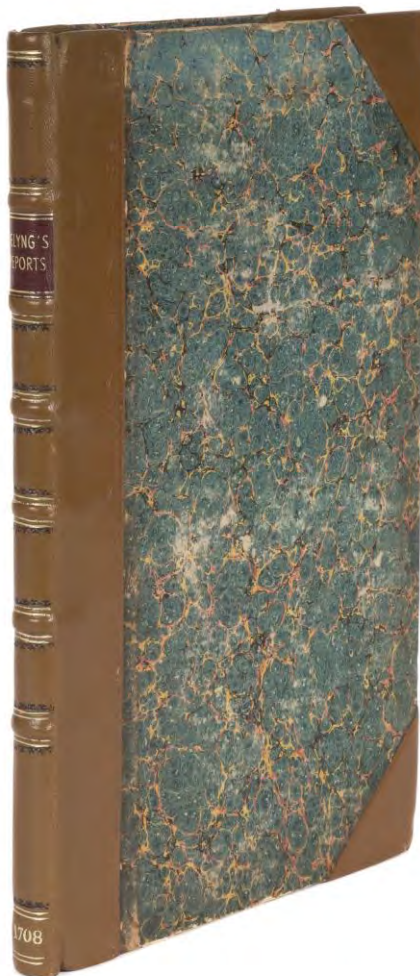
### A Sordid Tale of Gambling and Murder

#### 14. Jones, George Henry.

*Account of the Murder of the Late Mr. William Weare of Lyon's Inn, London, Including the Circumstances Which First Led to the Discovery of the Murder and the Detection of the Murderers, The Depositions Taken Before the Magistrates, The Coroner's Inquest, the Trials of the Prisoners and the Execution of John Thurtell, At Hertford on Friday the 9th of January 1824, Embellished with Views of Gill's-Hill Cottage, The Pond in the Garden Where the Body was Concealed of Hill-Slough near Elstree, Where it was Finally Deposited and Portraits of the Prisoners, John Thurtell, Jos. Hunt and Wm. Probert, drawn by Mr. George Lewis with Their Autographs: Illustrated with a Ground-Plan of Gill's-Hill Cottage and Garden and a Map of the Surrounding Country.* London: Printed by J. Nichols and Son for Sherwood, Jones and Co., 1824. [iv], 344 pp. 4 lithographed plates, 1 a frontispiece, 2 folding maps. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Later three-quarter polished calf over cloth, lettering pieces, gilt fillets and gilt-edged raised bands to spine, marbled endpapers. Signed binding by Morrell, London. Light rubbing to extremities, owner bookplate (Stoughton R. Vogel, M.D.) to front pastedown. Light toning to interior, light foxing in a few places. \$650.

\* Only edition. John Thurtell, an unlucky gambler, was deeply in debt to the crooked bookmaker William Weare. Deciding to take revenge, Thurtell, along with his friends Joseph Hunt and William Probert, murdered Weare in a grisly manner and tossed his body into a pond. Thurtell tried to escape conviction. He was hanged. Hunt confessed his involvement and stated that Thurtell was the killer. He was sent to the penal colony in Botany Bay, Australia. Charges against Probert were dropped in exchange for his wife's testimony. OCLC locates 10 copies in North America law libraries. Not in the *Harvard Law Catalogue* or *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



### The First Set of Reports Devoted to Criminal Law

#### 15. Kelyng, Sir John [d. 1671], Reporter.

*A Report of Divers Cases in Pleas of the Crown, Adjudged and Determined; In the Reign of the Late King Charles II. With Directions for Justices of the Peace and Others. Collected by Sir John Kelyng, Knt. Late Lord Chief Justice of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench. From the Original Manuscript, Under His Own Hand. To Which is Added the Reports of Three Modern Cases, Viz. Armstrong and Lisle; The King and Plumer; The Queen and Manwrigde.* London: Printed for Isaac Cleave, 1708. [iv], 138, [14] pp. Folio (11-1/4" x 7-1/2").

Recent period-style three-quarter imitation calf over marbled boards, raised bands, gilt and black-stamped fillets, lettering piece and date to spine, blind tooling to edges of calf sections, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with light wear to corners, which are slightly bumped, front hinge cracked. Moderate toning to interior, occasional faint dampspotting, light foxing to first few leaves, light soiling in a few places, tear to margin of leaf E2 (pp. 15-16) with no loss to text. \$200.

\* Only edition. The first set of reports devoted entirely to criminal law, these reports were collected after Kelyng's death and published by Justice Holt in 1708. Kelyng, a lawyer who specialized in criminal cases, became a judge of the King's Bench in 1663 and was made Chief Justice of that court in 1665. The cases cover the years 1662 to 1669. Wallace says he was considered "a learned, faithful and resolute judge." This work was reissued in 1739. A second reissue was published in Dublin in 1789. Wallace, *The Reporters* 328. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T121547. [Order This Item](#)





**Two Titles by an Important Scottish Jurist, One  
With Several Hand-Colored Leaves of Arms and Heraldic Devices**

**16. Mackenzie, Sir George [1636-1691].**

*Observations Upon the Laws and Customs of Nations, As to Precedency.* Edinburgh: Printed by the Heir of Andrew Anderson, Printer to His Most Sacred Majesty, 1680. [xviii], [2], 92, 89-92 pp., text continuous. Copperplate portrait frontispiece of George Mackenzie.

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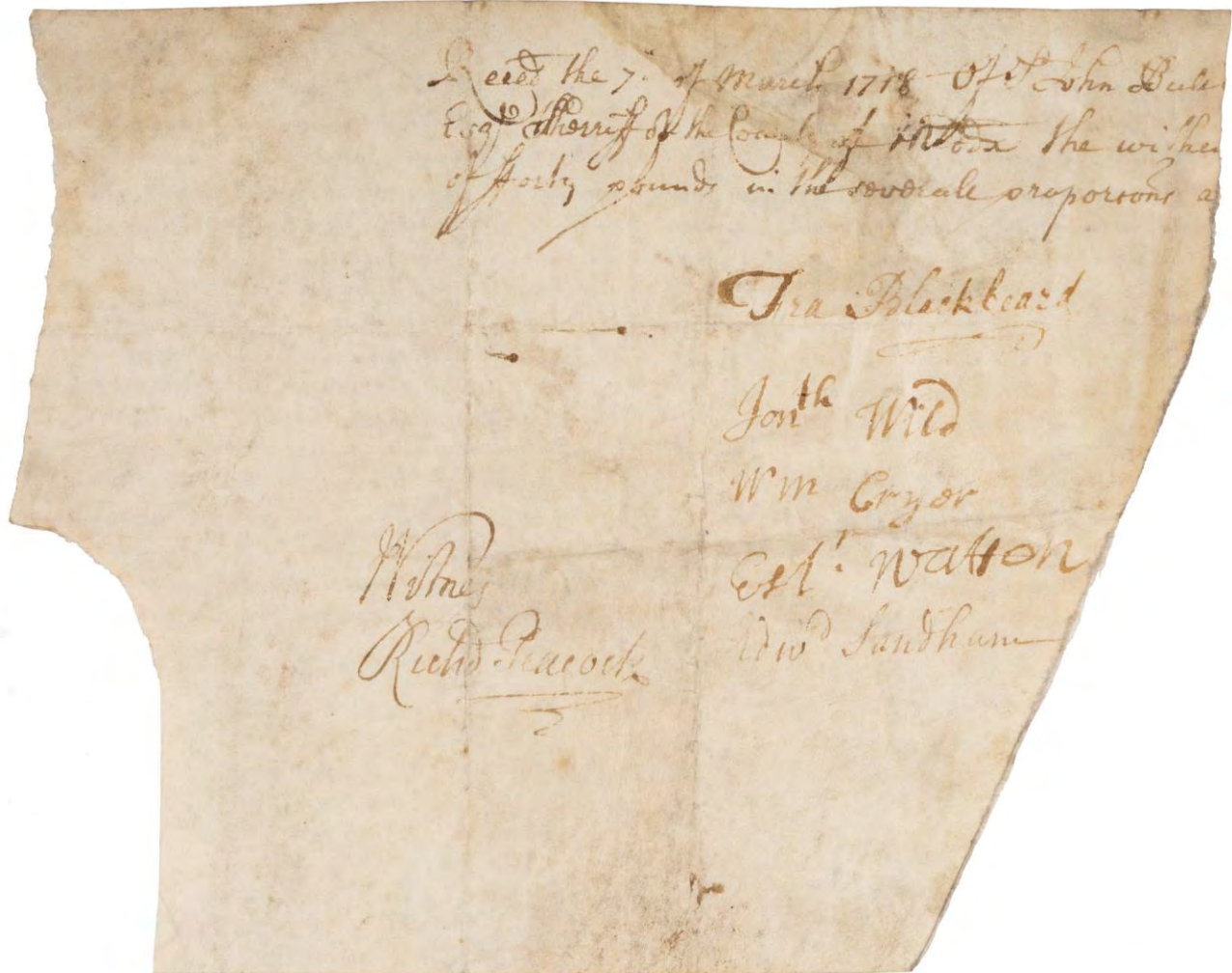
**Mackenzie, Sir George.**

*The Science of Heraldry, Treated as a Part of the Civil Law, And Law of Nations: Wherein Reasons are Given for its Principles, And Etymologies for its Harder Terms.* Edinburgh: Printed by the Heir of Andrew Anderson, Printer to His most Sacred Majesty, 1680. [xiii], 98 [i.e. 102], [6] pp. With a copperplate pictorial title page and 30 leaves of arms and other heraldic devices, several hand-colored.

Folio (15" x 9-1/2"). Recent three-quarter calf over cloth boards, raised bands, blind fillets, lettering piece and gilt date to spine, endpapers renewed. A few small nicks, scratches and stains to calf, corners slightly bumped. Light toning to interior, light soiling in a few places, title page of *Observations* crudely mended without loss, both frontispieces and several corners in *Heraldry* mended with minor loss, small tears to two plates in *Heraldry* mended. \$950.

\* First editions. Mackenzie was Lord Advocate during the reigns of Charles II and James II. He is best known for his leading role in the persecution of Scottish Presbyterians, which earned him the nickname "Bloody MacKenzie." An important jurist, scholar and author, he was also the founder of the Advocates Library, which is now Scotland's national law library. This volume features two of his legal and historical works. *Observations* is an overview of a wide range of topics related to the precedence of heirs, including women, twins and madness. *The Science of Heraldry* discusses the history, legal rights and entitlement to the use of heraldic arms, and also describes the components of arms. It is supplemented by detailed plates, several of which are colored beautifully in ink by an early hand. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R5733, R21727.

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Signed by the "Thief-Taker General"

17. [Manuscript].

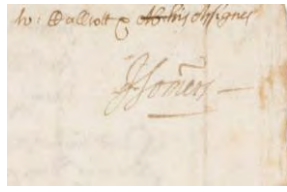
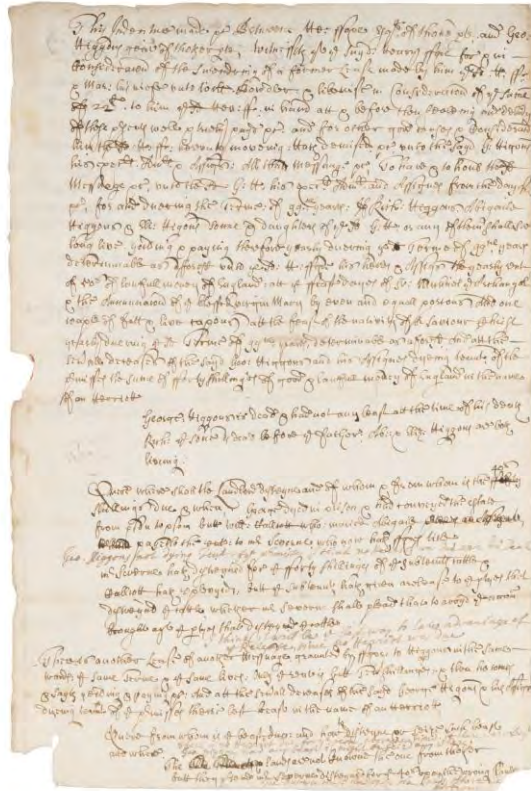
[Great Britain].

Wild, Jonathan [c.1682-1725].

[Reward for Apprehending Thieves with Autograph Signature of Jonathan Wild, London, March 7, 1718].

Single 7" x 8-1/2" vellum sheet, text to both sides. Moderate soiling, horizontal and vertical fold lines, faint dampstaining to top edge, left and right fore-edges and corners lacking with loss to text but no loss to signatures of Wild or other reward recipients. \$850.

\* This document details a reward to be given to five men, Wild among them, for "apprehending and taking the said Thomas Draper and Samuel Davis...who...feloniously and Burglariously did break and enter" and steal some thirteen pounds worth of fabric. Wild, no stranger to theft himself, was notorious for apprehending thieves and subsequently pocketing the rewards to fund his extensive criminal empire. Popularly known as the "thief-taker general," he became a stock figure in literature and political satire after his execution in 1725, appearing in the works of Arthur Conan Doyle and Henry Fielding, among others. Reward certificates paid to Wild by the treasury are rare. [Order This Item](#)



Lord John Somers on Heriot

18. [Manuscript].  
Somers, John, Baron [1651-1716].  
[Manuscript Brief on Heriot with Autograph Opinion of Lord John Somers]. [London?, c.1680]. 2 pp.

Single leaf with text to both sides, docket to verso reading "John Somers opinion about Geo. Higgons Herryatt," possibly in Somers's hand. Light toning, horizontal and vertical fold lines, light soiling, heavier to verso, moderate edgewear and chipping with minor loss to text at lower right corner, trace amount of wax residue from seal to recto. \$1,500.

\* Scribal brief on the case of George Higgons with signed annotations by Somers. Higgons had died in prison, and his landlord sought to collect heriot, a feudal death duty that permitted the lord of a manor to claim the "best beast" (or the equivalent in cash or kind) from a tenant's estate upon the tenant's death or the succession of a new tenant. Somers is skeptical of the claim here, noting that "Geo: Higgons not dying Ten[an]t...I think no Herriot was due upon his death" and ultimately concluding that "if ye party who is to pay te best Beast for a Herriot has no beast at his death ye Ld looses ye Herriot." The brief and its annotations date to the seventeenth century, likely when Somers was in the Middle Temple before his election to Parliament in 1689. [Order This Item](#)



### A Supreme Court Justice Asks for Privacy

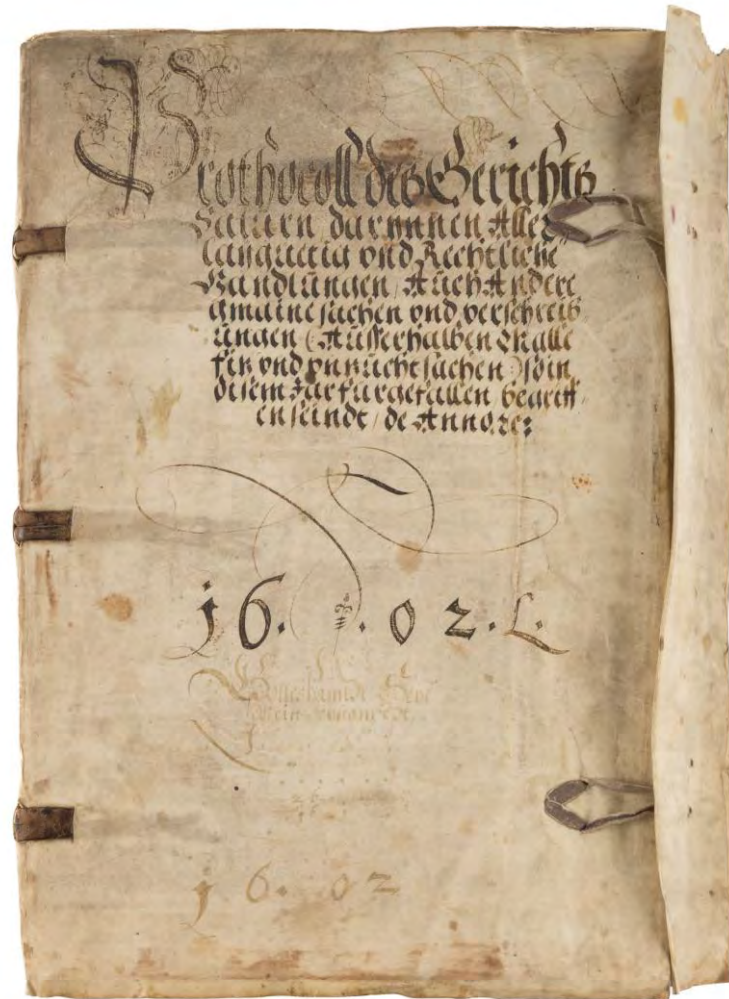
**19. [Manuscript].**

**Souter, David [b.2009].**

*[Autograph Letter, Signed, On Supreme Court Letterhead, From David Souter. Washington, DC, July 8, 1991].*

11" x 8-1/2" sheet, text to recto. Two horizontal fold lines, slight creasing to corners. \$350.

\* Souter served as Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court from 1990 to 2009. A Bush appointee, he was the subject of some controversy and protest from the left, but surprised many when he failed to be a staunch conservative, even voting to uphold the core ruling of *Roe v. Wade* in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. In this letter, he asserts a desire for privacy present throughout his career and to this day; Souter moved to a small New Hampshire town in 2009 where he lives a simple, electronic device-free, rural lifestyle. [Order This Item](#)



**A Fascinating Record of the Lower-Level Courts of South Tyrol in 1602**

20. [Manuscript].

[Trials].

[Holy Roman Empire].

[*Accounts of Cases Tried in the Courts of Salorno, South Tyrol, 1602*]. [xi], 579 ff. Folio (12-1/2" x 8-1/2").

Contemporary limp vellum, fore-edge flap with ties, description of contents and date to front cover in large ornate calligraphic hand, along with a faint inscription in a smaller hand, date to spine and foot of text block. Moderate toning to interior, a few cracks to text block, all leaves secure. German and Latin text in elegant hand to rectos and versos, attractive calligraphic decorations to preliminaries. Handsome. \$1,500.

\* With a table of contents. These cases form an interesting record of lower-level court cases in South Tyrol when it was a part of the Holy Roman Empire. As stated on the front cover, the reports in this manuscript cover all matters of trial activity except cases involving serious crimes (*mallefiz*) and sodomy (*untzuchttsachen*), a capital offense. Those cases were tried at the criminal court in Bolzano, the main city of South Tyrol. Carefully organized, free of corrections and written with fine penmanship, this appears to be a manuscript copy. The date of the spine and text block suggest it was from an annual series of court records. [Order This Item](#)



### An Important Early Treatise on Maritime Law

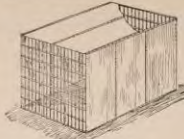
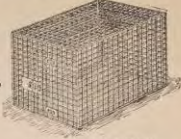
#### 21. Molloy, Charles [1646-1690].

*De Jure Maritimo et Navali: Or, a Treatise of Affairs Maritime and of Commerce. In Three Books.* London: Printed for John Bellinger, 1682. [xxiv], 433, [15] pp. Two-page copperplate pictorial frontispiece, three-page publisher advertisement. Octavo (8" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary speckled calf, blind rules and stamping to boards, rebacked in period style, raised bands, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine, gilt tooling to board edges, marbled edges. Light rubbing to boards, a few scuffs, nicks, scratches, moderate rubbing and light wear to extremities, including corners, which are bumped, ownership signature of Sir James Long to front free endpaper and title page. Light toning to interior, occasional light foxing, light soiling in a few places. A handsome copy. \$500.

\* Third edition, one of two issues from 1682. For many years this was the standard treatise on international, commercial and maritime law, and went through many editions, the first published in 1676, the last in 1778. "It was not until 1676 that a man, who had some claims to be called an English lawyer, wrote upon [bills of exchange]. Charles Molloy who was both a civilian and a member of Lincoln's Inn and Gray's Inn, in the second book of his very successful treatise, *De Jure Maritimo et Navali*, gives us some account of these branches of the law" (Holdsworth). Chapters III and IV deal with privateers and piracy. Long [c.1617-1692] was an English politician and Royalist soldier. Holdsworth, *Sources and Literature of English Law* 210. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R32101. [Order This Item](#)

Received the only Award given on Prison Work at the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, 1893.

**Jail Department.**  
— THE —  
**Champion Iron Co.**  
KENTON, OHIO.

INCORPORATED 1878. PAID UP CAPITAL \$150,000.

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Yours Respectfully,  
THE CHAMPION IRON CO.

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Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ 1894.

THE CHAMPION IRON CO.,  
Kenton, Ohio.

Gentlemen:—Please send me a copy of your specifications and quote your net prices upon the following number of your STANDARD cells for our city:

Size No. \_\_\_\_\_ as above mentioned, for \_\_\_\_\_ cells  
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We want your \_\_\_\_\_ construction.  
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Has this subject been before your city council?  
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The name of the President of our City Council is \_\_\_\_\_  
The name of our City Marshal is \_\_\_\_\_  
The name of our City Clerk is \_\_\_\_\_

Trusting the above is satisfactory, we remain,  
Sign \_\_\_\_\_



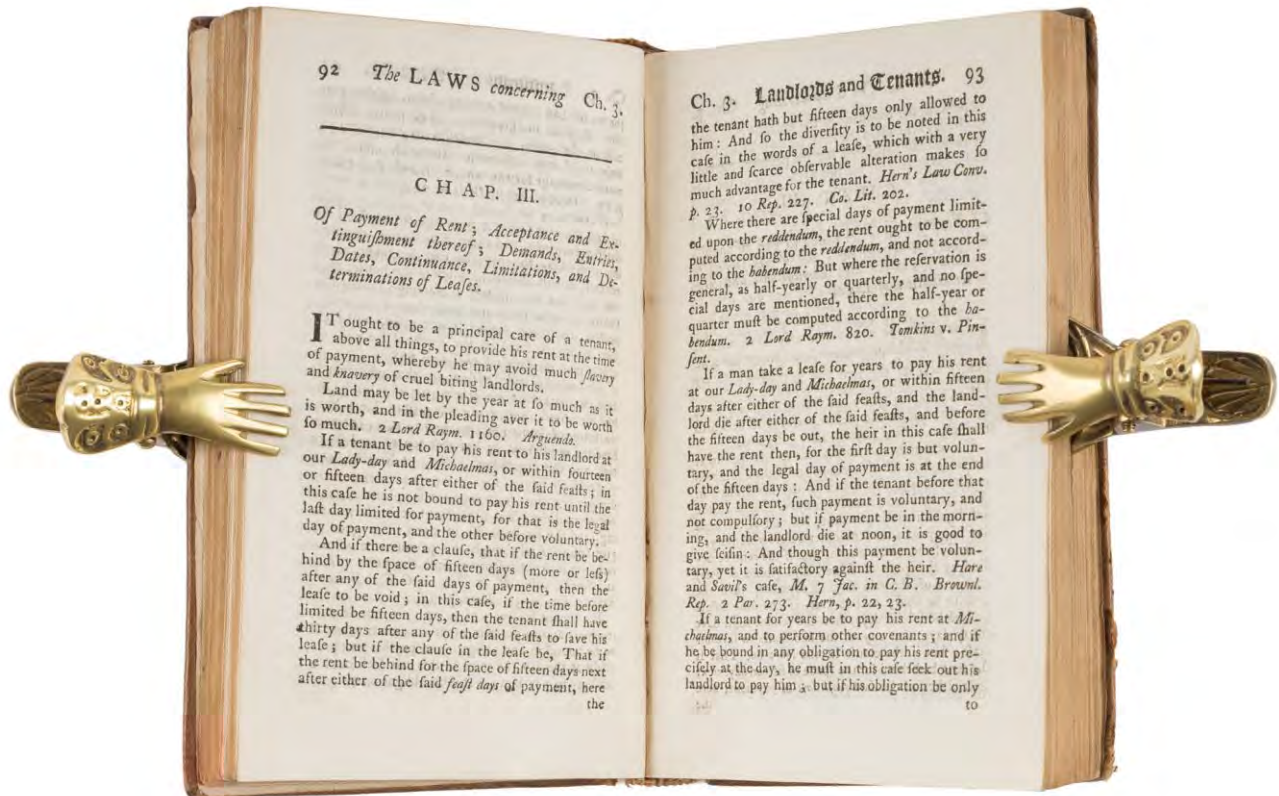
**"Criminals Give Our Village a Wide Berth"**

**22. [Penology].**

[Advertisement for Cages for Lock-Ups or Police Stations]. Kenton, OH: The Champion Iron Co., Jail Department. c.1893.

Single sheet (12-1/2" x 7-1/2") with stab-stitched pamphlet in stiff printed wrappers (3-1/4" x 5-1/2"). Moderate toning, horizontal and vertical fold lines, two tears along fold, mended on verso with archival tape, light chipping to edges and small contemporary annotation dated 10/3/1894 to top-edge of recto and verso of single sheet, text to recto only. Moderate toning to pamphlet, light fading to wrappers, contemporary annotation dated 10/3/94 in ink to front wrapper near spine. \$350.

\* An interesting and occasionally amusing piece of ephemera, this advertisement details "two styles of cages for Lock-Ups or Police Stations." The company had apparently received "the only award given on prison work" at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893. The advertising sheet includes a description of the product with two small woodcut illustrations and an order form at the bottom, while the included pamphlet provides testimonials from local sheriffs and city administrators. Champion Iron Co. was an Ohio iron company selling fences and gates until it branched out into the lucrative and "rapidly increasing" business of jail supply. [Order This Item](#)



A Classic English Treatise  
on the Law of Landlord and Tenant

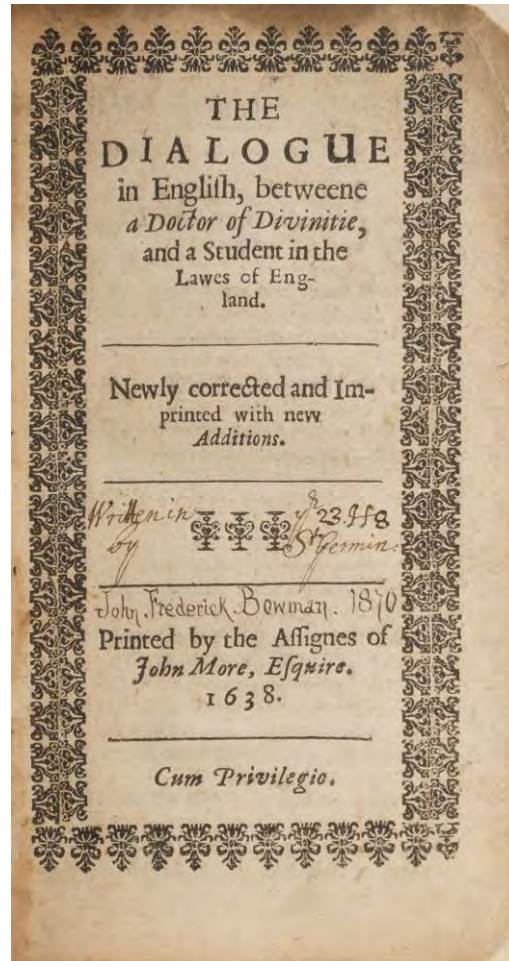
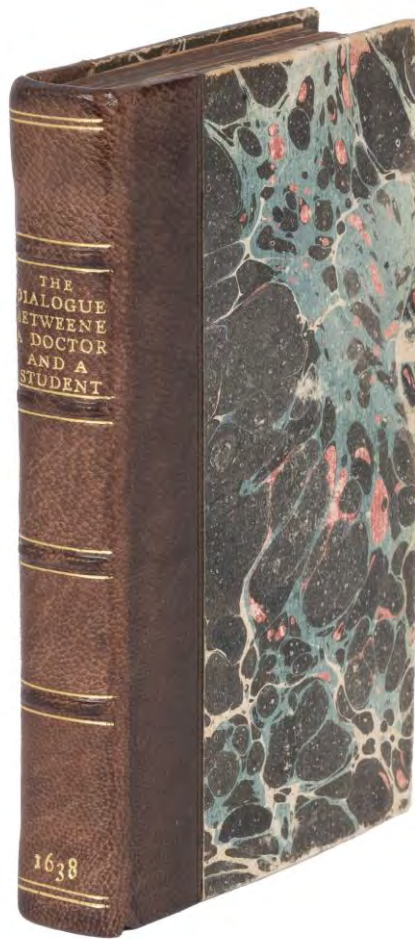
23. [R.T., Gent.].

*Tenants Law: Or, The Laws Concerning Landlords, Tenants and Farmers. (Viz.) 1. Of the Several Kinds of Tenants and Tenures. 2. Of Leases, Covenants, Surrenders, And Assignments, &c. 3. Of Rent: Acceptance and Extinguishment Thereof. 4. Of Crops Growing, And Trees Blown Down, &c. Who are Entitled to Them. 5. Of Distresses, Replevins, And Rescous. 6. Of Waste; What is So, And What Not. 7. Of Common for Cattle. 8. Of Frauds in Buying and Selling Lands or Goods. 9. Of Trespasses and Nusances. 10. Modern Observations Relating to Covenants on Leases. 11. Of the Late Act to Prevent Fires; And Rules to be Observed in Erecting of New Buildings in and About London. Useful for All Landlords, Tenants, Farmers, Stewards, Agents, Solicitors and Others, Concerned in the Buying, Selling, Or Letting Estates. With all the Modern Cases: In Which are Added All such Acts of Parliament and Resolutions, As Relate to These Subjects, Down to the Present Year; And Likewise Plain Directions for Distraining for Rent.* London: Printed by His Majesty's Law-Printers; For T. Waller, 1768. [ii], 320, [28] pp. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 4").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands to spine, blind tooling to board edges. Two shallow scuffs to front board, one rather large, minor worming to bottom edge of rear board, moderate rubbing to extremities, wear to foot of spine, joints partially cracked but secures, corners bumped and lightly worn. Light toning to interior, (illegible) early owner signature to front free endpaper. \$250.

\* Sixteenth edition. First published in 1666, shortly after the Great Fire of London, this layman's guide was immediately popular. With additions and other modifications at each printing. The identity of "R.T., Gent.," whose name appears on several early editions, is unknown. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T136618. [Order This Item](#)





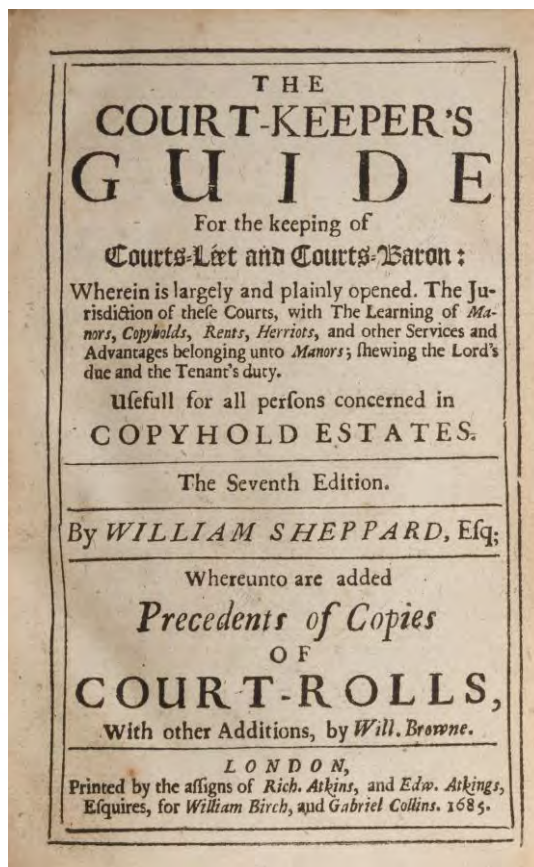
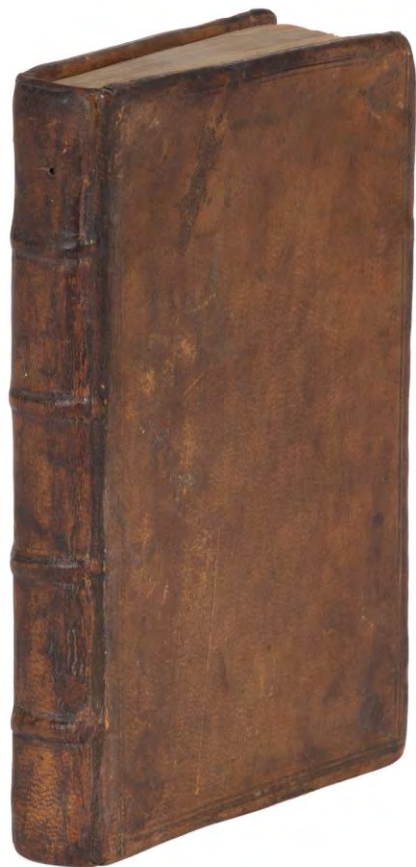
**A Classic English Work on Equity and the  
Philosophy of Law that Influenced Blackstone**

**24. [Saint German (Germain), Christopher].**

*The Dialogue in English, Betweene a Doctor of Divinitie, And a Student in the Lawes of England. Newly Corrected and Imprinted with New Additions.* [London]: Printed by the Assignes of John More, Esquire, 1638. 176, [4] ff. Octavo (5-1/2" x 3").

Recent quarter morocco over marbled boards, raised bands, gilt fillets, gilt title and date to spine, edges rouged, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to extremities, light offsetting to endleaves. Title printed within typographical border. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light chipping and edgewear to some leaves with no loss to text, light foxing (or spotting) and soiling to a few leaves, faint dampstaining to top-edge of first few leaves, corners of title page mended, ownership signature (of John Frederick Bowman) dated 1880 to title page with early annotations in a different hand to title page and pp. 61 and 129. \$400.

\* Later edition. With the second dialogue. Written originally in Latin in 1523 and cast in dialogic form, this was the first work to study the role of equity in common law and, by its nature, was the first jurisprudential work written in England. It also considers the relative merits of common, canon and civil law, the nature and object of law, the religious and moral standards of law, the foundations of the common law and issues regarding the jurisdiction of Parliament. *Doctor and Student* appeared in numerous editions. An authority well into the eighteenth century, it influenced several writers, including Blackstone. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S116404. [Order This Item](#)



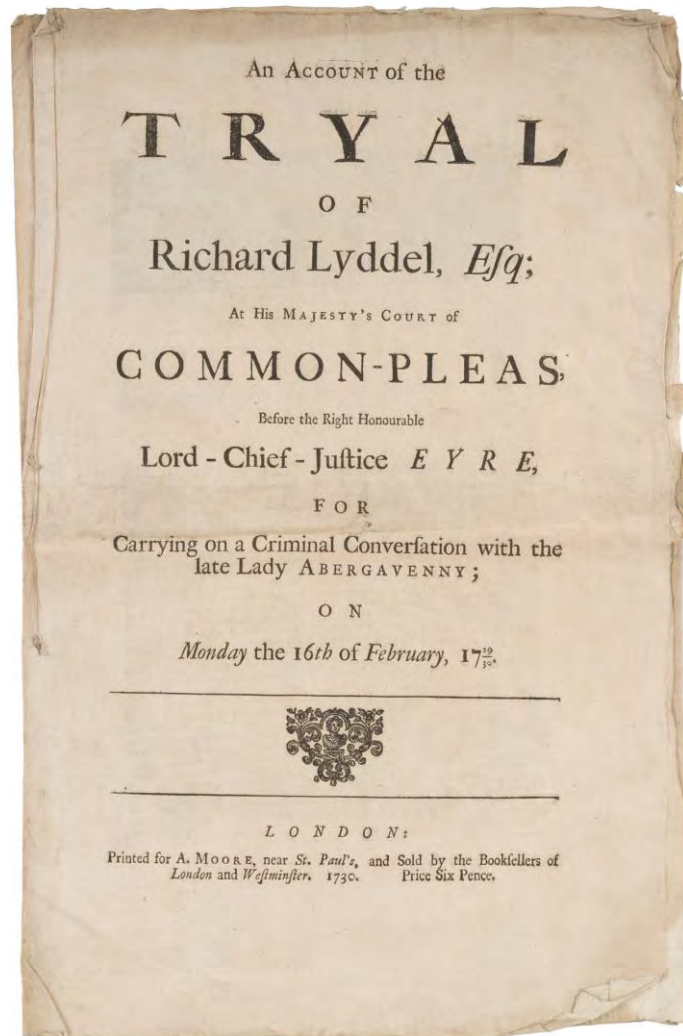
The "Longest Lived" Treatise on Courts Leet and Baron

25. Sheppard, William [d.1675?].  
Browne, William, Editor.

*The Court-Keepers Guide for the Keeping of Courts-Leet and Courts-Baron: Wherein Is Largely and Plainly Opened. The Jurisdiction of These Courts, with the Learning of Manors, Copyholds, Rents, Harriots, and Other Services and Advantages Belonging unto Manors; Shewing the Lord's Due and the Tenant's Duty. Usefull for All Persons Concerned in Copyhold Estates. Whereunto are Added Precedents of Copies of Court-Rolls, With Other Additions.* London: Printed by the Assigns of Rich. Atkins, and Edw. Atkins, 1685. [viii], 278, [4], 279-284 pp. Table of contents, which should precede p.1, misbound between pp, 278 and 279. *Precedents of Copies* preceded by divisional title page. Complete. Octavo (5-3/4" x 3-3/4").

Contemporary sheep with early rebacking, blind rules with corner fleurons to boards, raised bands to spine. A few minor scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing to a few leaves, early owner signature (William Williams/ October 8, 1781) to front endleaf. A handsome copy. \$400.

\* Seventh edition. Holdsworth observes: "[t]here was still a considerable amount of works to be done by [the courts leet and baron]. The common field system of agriculture needed regulation; the rights and duties of copy-holders were matters for the manorial court to determine, subject to the control of the courts of common law; and statutes of this period had assigned new duties to the leet. Thus a want was felt for something more than the single stereotyped tract which various publishers went on issuing from the press during the first half of this century. (...) [I]he longest lived...was the Court Keeper's Guide of William Sheppard, first published in 1641 and re- issued as late as 1791.": Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* IV:120-121. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R24529. [Order This Item](#)



**On Trial for "Criminal Conversation"**

26. [Trial].

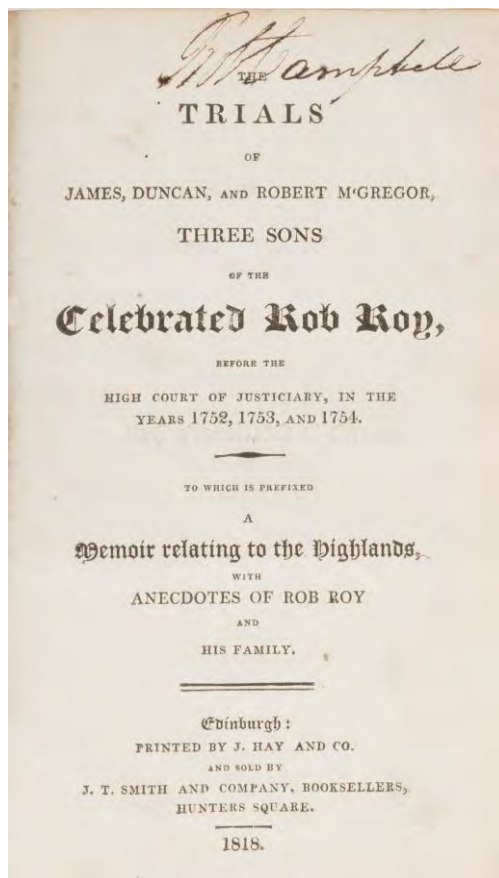
[Great Britain].

**Liddell, Richard, Defendant [c.1694-1746].**

*An Account of the Tryal of Richard Lyddel, Esq; At His Majesty's Court of Common-Pleas, Before the Right Honourable Lord-Chief-Justice Eyre, For Carrying on a Criminal Conversation with the Late Lady Abergavenny; On Monday the 16th of February, 1729/30.* London: Printed for A. Moore, 1730. 8 pp. Pages 6 and 7 printed in reverse order. Folio (13" x 8-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in self-wrappers, untrimmed. Moderate toning, single horizontal fold, slight creasing to first signature at spine, light wear to fore-edge of second and fourth leaves, moderate soiling to verso of final leaf. \$850.

\* Early edition, one of two from the same year under the same fictitious imprint. Liddell, an Irish MP and something of a rake, was caught in bed with Lady Abergavenny, the wife of a close friend. When the two were found out, Lady Abergavenny went into shock and died twenty-six days later. The sensational case drew a great deal of public attention. Despite Liddell's penitence, the jury issued a harsh fine of £10,000, which ruined him financially. OCLC locates 5 copies, 2 in North America (University of Illinois, University of Minnesota). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T105385. [Order This Item](#)



**Three Sons of a Jacobite Hero Tried for Abduction and Assault**

27. [Trials].

[Scotland].

M'Gregor, James, Defendant.

M'Gregor, Duncan, Defendant.

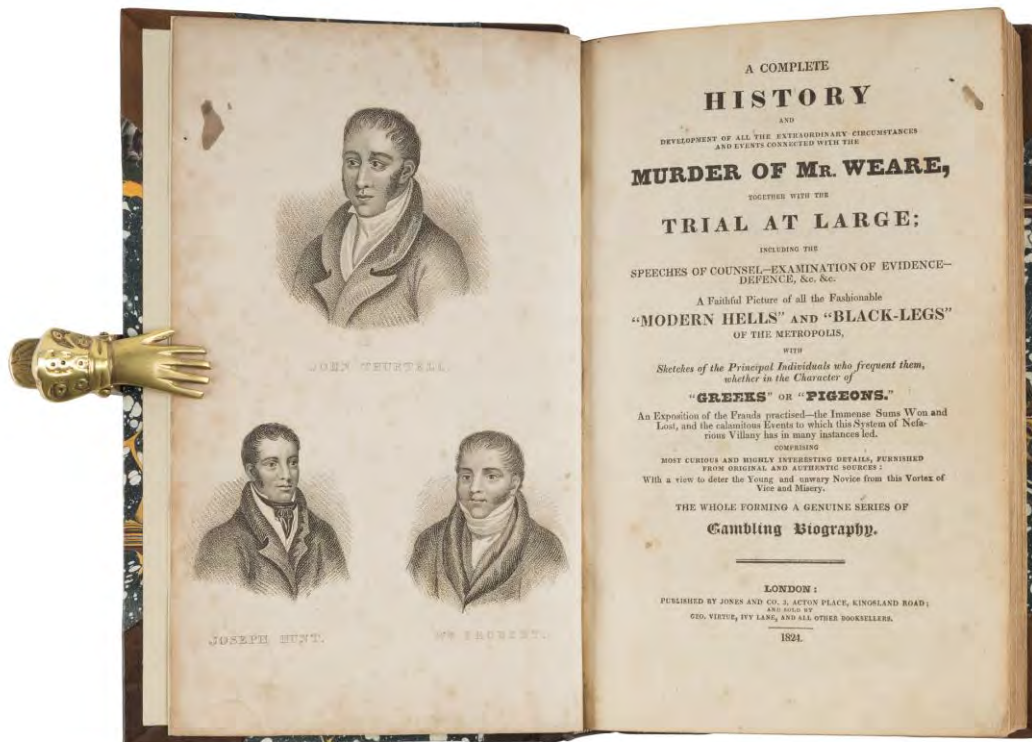
M'Gregor, Robert, Defendant [d.1755].

[MacGregor, Rob Roy (bap.1671-1734)].

*The Trials of James, Duncan, and Robert M'Gregor, Three Sons of the Celebrated Rob Roy, Before the High Court of Justiciary in the Years 1752, 1753, and 1754. To Which is Prefixed a Memoir Relating to the Highlands, With Anecdotes of Rob Roy and His Family.* Edinburgh: Printed by J. Hay and Co., 1818. cxxix, 244 pp. Octavo (6-3/4" x 4").

Contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, blind fillets to calf edges, blind stamping and gilt fillets and title to spine. Moderate rubbing to boards with a faint stain to upper corners, rubbing and some wear to extremities, joints starting at head, corners bumped, some offsetting to endleaves, bookplate (of Alexander C. Renton) dated July 1823 to front pastedown, (illegible) early ownership signature to head of title page. Light toning to interior, light soiling in a few places, some leaves torn along fore-edge without loss to text. \$350.

\* Only edition. After abducting Jean Key Wright, a nineteen-year-old widow, James forced her to marry him and then sexually assaulted her. He was tried for the abduction and the assault and his brothers were tried as accomplices; all were found guilty. James, fearing the death penalty, escaped prison while awaiting sentence. Duncan, an attorney, was disbarred. Robert was executed. The trial drew public attention because the three were sons of Rob Roy, a Jacobite outlaw and folk hero. [Order This Item](#)



**"A Faithful Picture of All the Fashionable 'Modern Hells' and 'Black-Legs' of the Metropolis"**

28. [Trials].

Thurtell, John (1794-1824).

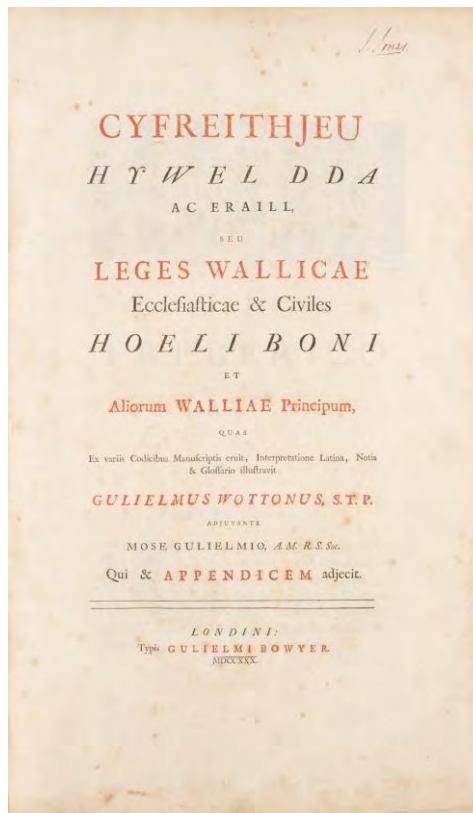
Probert, William (d.1825).

Hunt, Joseph.

*A Complete History and Development of all the Extraordinary Circumstances and Events Connected with the Murder of Mr. Weare, Together with the Trial at Large, Including the Speeches of Counsel, Examination of Evidence, Defence, &c. &c. A Faithful Picture of All the Fashionable "Modern Hells" and "Black-Legs" of the Metropolis, With Sketches of the Principal Individuals Who Frequent Them, Whether in the Character of "Greeks" or "Pigeons." An Exposition of the Frauds Practised, The Immense Sums Won and Lost, And the Calamitous Events to Which this System of Nefarious Villany Has in Many Instances Led. Comprising Most Curious and Highly Interesting Details, Furnished from Original and Authentic Sources, With a View to Deter the Young and Unwary Novice from this Vortex of Vice and Misery. The Whole Forming a Genuine Series of Gambling Biography.* London: Published by Jones and Co., 1824. 60, [3], 8-72, 61-266; 74 pp. 8 plates: 7 in text, 1 a portrait frontispiece (of Thurtell, Probert and Hunt). Final section has drop-head title reading: *A History of the Gaming Houses, And Gamesters of the Metropolis.* Complete. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Recent three-quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands, blind ornaments and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed, untrimmed edges. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing to margins of plates and some leaves, light soiling and foxing to title page. A handsome copy. \$1,250.

\* Only edition, one of two issues, the other with a folding frontispiece. John Thurtell, an unlucky gambler, was deeply in debt to the crooked bookmaker William Weare. Deciding to get even with him, Thurtell, along with his friends Joseph Hunt and William Probert, murdered Weare in a grisly manner and tossed his body into a pond. Thurtell tried to escape conviction. He was hanged. Hunt confessed his involvement and stated that Thurtell was the killer. He was sent to the penal colony in Botany Bay, Australia. Charges against Probert were dropped in exchange for his wife's testimony. Nash, *Encyclopedia of World Crime* IV:2949-2950. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:1207. [Order This Item](#)



### Notable Eighteenth-Century Compilation of Welsh Civil and Ecclesiastical Law

29. [Wales].

[Howel, Welsh King (d. 950CE)].

Clark, William [1696-1771], Editor.

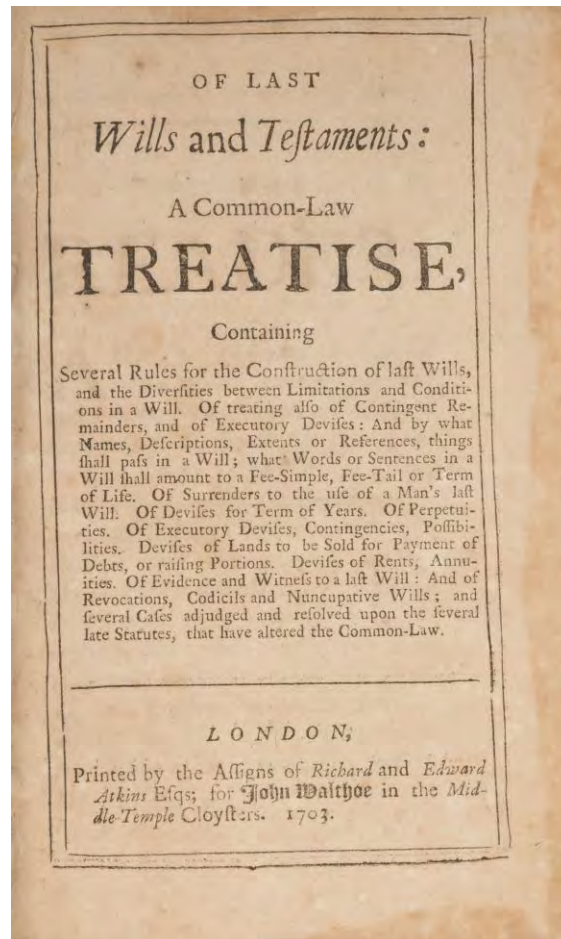
Wotton, William [1666-1727], Compiler of Appendices.

William, Moses [1686-1742], Compiler of Appendices.

*Cyfreithjau Hymel Dda ac Eraill, Seu Leges Wallicae Ecclesiasticae & Civiles Hoeli Boni et Aliorum Walliae Principum, Quas Ex Variis Codicibus Manuscriptis Eruit, Interpretatione Latina, Notis & Glossario Illustravit Guilielmus Wottonus, S.T.P. Adjuvante Mose Guilielmio, A.M.R.S. Soc. Qui & Appendicem Adjecit.* London: Typis Gulielmi Bowyer, 1730. [xlii], 586, [20] pp. Lacking half-title. Parallel Welsh and Latin texts. Folio (18-1/4" x 11-1/2").

Contemporary calf, rebaked retaining existing gilt spine with littering piece, gilt tooling to board edges, corners mended, endpapers renewed, hinges reinforced with cloth. Light rubbing and some nicks and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, wear to board edges in a few places, corners bumped. Title page printed in red and black, copperplate text vignette in preface, large copperplate vignette to head of dedication, large woodcut vignettes at the beginnings of each section. Light to moderate toning, light foxing in a few places, early owner signature (J. Jones) to head of title page. An attractive wide-margined copy. \$500.

\* Only edition, 1 of 2 issues from 1730. With a subscriber list. One of the great achievements of eighteenth-century English legal philology, this is a critical edition of Howel's *Cyfraith Hymel* and other early compilations of Welsh civil and ecclesiastical law. The work concludes with a glossary of Welsh legal terms by Wotton. OCLC locates 9 copies in North America, 5 in law libraries (Case Western Reserve, Harvard, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota, University of Virginia). *English Short-Title Catalogue* T63960. [Order This Item](#)



One of the Earliest English Treatises on Wills

**30. [Wills].**

*Of Last Wills and Testaments: A Common-Law Treatise, Containing Several Rules for the Construction of Last Wills, And the Diversities Between Limitations and Conditions in a Will. Of Treating Also of Contingent Remainders, And of Executory Devises: And by What Names, Descriptions, Extents or References, Things Shall Pass in a Will; What Words or Sentences in a Will Shall Amount to a Fee-Simple, Fee-Tail or Term of Life. Of Surrenders to the Use of a Man's Last Will. Of Devises for Term of Years. Of Perpetuities. Of Executory Devises, Contingencies, Possibilities. Devises of Lands to be Sold for Payment of Debts, Or Raising Portions. Devises of Rents, Annuities. Of Evidence and Witness to a Last Will: And of Revocations, Codicils and Nuncupative Wills; And Several Cases Adjudged and Resolved Upon the Several Late Statutes, That Have Altered the Common-Law.* London: Printed by the Assigns of R. and E. Atkins for J. Walthoe, 1703. [xxviii], 247, [21] pp. Lacking 16-page publisher catalogue. Octavo (8" x 5").

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